THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Saturday, the 20th December 1947.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at eleven of the clock, Mr. President (THE HON. SRI R. B. RAMAKRISHNA RAJU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

House-sites for the Harijans in Nandigama taluk.

* 208-A. Q.—SRI H. M. JAGANNATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any application has been made to the Government through the Labour Department for the acquisition of house-sites for the Harijans in Nandigama taluk, Kistna district;

(b) if so, who are the applicants and when was the application made; and

(c) why the acquisition proceedings were kept in abeyance since the last two years?

THE HON. SRI V. KURMAYYA:—"(a) Two petitions were received direct by the Government from the Harijans.

"(b) & (c) One was from the Harijans of Kanchakacherla and it was received on the 4th August 1947 and the other from the Harijans of Konakanchi village and was received on the 16th September 1947. The remarks of the Collector of Kistna have been called for on these petitions and his reply is awaited."

SRI H. M. JAGANNATHAN:—"May I know whether it is a fact that the land is owned by a very influential Congress leader who has been putting a stop to the acquisition of the land?"

THE HON. SRI V. KURMAYYA:—"The information is not available and I do not know."

Quantity of wheat flour received for this Province.

* 209 Q.—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(a) the quantity of wheat flour received in the first ten months of this year for our Province;

(b) the quantity given to the Madras City and the districts (information may be given districtwar); and

(c) whether the Government have received representations that the bakeries in the mufassal have been completely closed down and that patients are experiencing difficulties in securing bread for their diet?